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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION : Mr. Thomas W. Leavitt

FROM : William W. Wells
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : The Bona Fides of Yuriy Ivanovich Nosenko

1. A comprehensive review of the case of Yuriy Ivanovich Nosenko was completed by this Agency in December 1976. This study was conducted independently by a group of senior intelligence specialists over a period of six months. All of the officers who were involved in this case to any significant extent and all of the previous analyses of this case were consulted during the performance of this review. The results of this review have been examined and are accepted as valid by this Agency.

2. The primary conclusion of this review is that Nosenko was, from the beginning of his contact with this Agency in 1962, and has continued to be up until the present time, a bona fide defector.

3. If there are substantive aspects of this case which are of special interest to your counterintelligence staff at this time, we would be happy to address them.

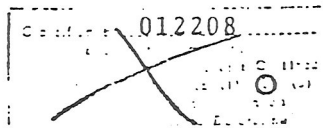
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